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News worth sharing.

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▶ Chelsea Miller and Mathew Fiola are upset that MPI took them to a collection agency after they decided to let their driver's licences lapse because they don't drive.

Letting driver's licence lapse could land you in court

New policy means licence holders need to opt out of their licence or face collections agencies

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Two Winnipeggers who decided not to renew their driver's licences say a little-known Manitoba Public Insurance policy is bullying them into paying for unneeded licences.

Mathew Fiola, 21, said he was shocked to receive a letter from a collection agency last month for the $53 cost of renewing his beginners licence with MPI, after letting it lapse last October to save money for school.

"I just decided to wait until I have money," said Fiola. "I don't drive, so really there's no reason for me to have it."

Fiola's story was not a surprise for Chelsea Miller, 24, who also doesn't drive and just last month ended up paying the $65 for her unneeded licence after getting a similar letter threatening to take her to court over the costs of her lapsed licence.

"If you're not planning to renew your driver's licence you literally need to go to the broker to cancel."
BRIAN SMILEY, SPOKESPERSON FOR MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE

"I thought it was a bit ridiculous," said Miller, who walks or takes the bus to work every day. "To MPI $65 is nothing, but to me it's a bit hard to come up with, especially when I don't need (the licence). I felt threatened."

Manitoba Public Insurance spokesman Brian Smiley said a new policy started in July 2010 designed to make renewing their products easier for customers is to blame for the pair's woes.

"We moved in 2010 to what we call a five-year renewal system and what will happen is the customer will get a statement every year … in that statement it says if a person wants to change things, they need to go to their broker and change it," said Smiley, who admits he wasn't aware the policy included licences until he looked into it.

Fiola said he can't afford the $53, adding he's worried about his credit rating. He said MPI should have done a better job of letting people know about the policy change.

"Your credit rating stays with you until you die," he said. "No one knows about this … and I think people should be warned."

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Goodbye Greyhound, hello AnX

- U of W's redeveloped Greyhound Bus Depot project officially open
- Building lauded as new downtown hub for students and public alike

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▶ U of W president and vice-chancellor Lloyd Axworthy stops at the Garbonzo's Pizza Pub in the newly opened AnX after giving Metro a tour of what used to be the Greyhound Bus Depot.

After two years of work the University of Winnipeg is ready to officially unveil its ambitious redesign of the former Greyhound Bus Depot.

A grand opening was to be held at the newly renovated space — now called the AnX — Friday morning, but a proud U of W president and vice-chancellor Lloyd Axworthy gave Metro a tour Thursday.

"Our whole idea is to make the university a very active and dynamic part of the community," said Axworthy. "It's designed to make much more of a community around here and the university can act as the base for that."

The 42,000-square-foot building's main level houses a brand new Garbonzo's pub-style restaurant, a Starbucks coffee shop and the university's new bookstore, which has tripled in size from the previous space allowing for the inclusion of a large selection of books.

"Previously we had a very small bookstore, which could only be limited to textbooks… now not only do we have the books that are needed for courses, but we have trade books, magazines, and other merchandise as well," said the president, noting the university hopes the new bookstore and restaurants will attract the general public as well as students. "We're really looking to give people a choice when they come downtown."

The U of W, along with two private partners, bought the old bus depot and its parking lot six years ago. The investment came as part of the school's campus development plan, which has already seen the completion of projects like the Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex, the Buhler Centre and the McFeetors Hall student residence.

The university has also partnered with Winnipeg Transit to redevelop the former depot into the new UWinnipeg Balmoral Transit Terminal — a downtown hub for the service's new rapid transit system.

"We're going to be having 2,000 people a day coming through here just off the bus system," said Axworthy. "It's going to be a very important downtown centre."

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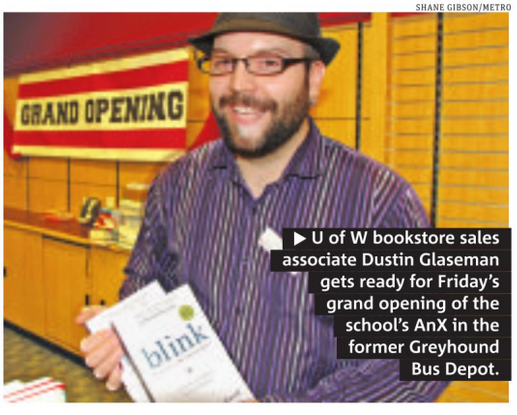

▶ U of W bookstore sales associate Dustin Glaseman gets ready for Friday's grand opening of the school's AnX in the former Greyhound Bus Depot.

Sex offender back in jail

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▶ Winston George Thomas

The sex offender is back in jail, the very same day.

Winston George Thomas, a high risk-sex offender released Wednesday, couldn't resist celebrating his new-found freedom with some form of intoxicant. Under probation conditions slated to last until February 2014, Thomas was not permitted to partake of any intoxicants.

At a Thursday media briefing Const. Jason Michalyshen said "members of the public that we work co-operatively with" spotted a seemingly intoxicated Thomas in the 100 Block of Henry Avenue Wednesday at 9:15 p.m. The Manitoba Integrated High Risk Sex Offender Unit was called and Thomas, 34, was arrested soon after.

"It says a lot, with respect to the unit, that these individuals are being monitored," said Michalyshen.

Police had notified the public ahead of Thomas' release that he was a high risk to re-offend. Michalyshen said any decision to release him, again, will be "up to the courts." SEAN LEDWICH

News in brief

Man charged in robbery

Police made an arrest shortly after a man used a knife to rob a business in the 500 block of William Avenue at about 10 p.m. Wednesday. Aubrey Leonard Thomas, 19, is charged with robbery and disguise with intent.

But police are seeking a male armed-robbery suspect in a separate incident. At about 6:10 a.m. Thursday, a man used a gun to rob an employee of cash at a business in the 2800 block of Pembina Highway. METRO

Dirty licence plate, big fines

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Cops look for robbery victims

A recent spike in strong-arm robberies in downtown and St. Vital has led police to issue a public appeal for victims to come forward.

Const. Jason Michalyshen told media Thursday that in the last week to ten days, several such robberies — "more than normal — more than one or two" — have been reported.

"Victims have been approached by one or more suspects, assaulted and robbed of items such as clothing and or electronic devices."

Police have information that leads them to believe there are more victims that have not contacted police, Michalyshen said.

"We're just asking them to come forward. It's vital to this investigation."

Michalyshen gave almost no details about the robberies, beyond saying some of them may be linked and there have been "no vicious attacks."

"It is so important that we get this information from members of the public as opposed to me providing all the details … to ensure the integrity of this investigation."

Police ask anyone with information to call 986-6668.

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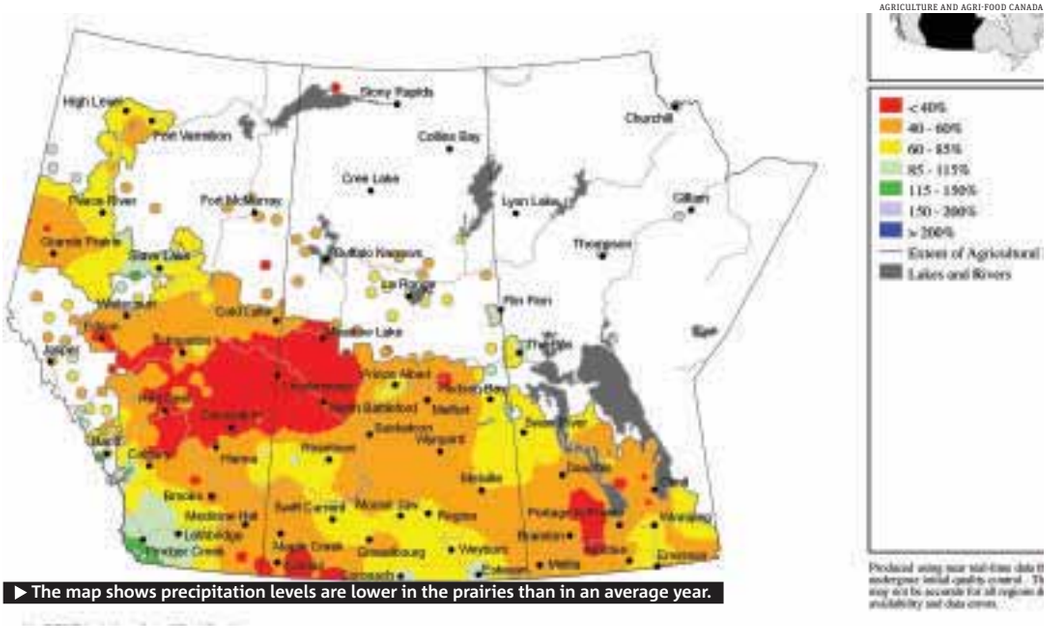
Lack of snow good for construction, bad for skiers

Low precipitation levels also mean farmers are worried about possible drought conditions ◐ Milder temperatures make work easier outdoors



▶ The map shows precipitation levels are lower in the prairies than in an average year.

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There is no denying Winnipeg has had a winter to defy memory, leaving winners and losers in its wake.

Total precipitation from November through January has been less than half of average.

"The snow is measured in a contraption that actually melts it," said Environment Canada meteorologist Natalie Hasell.

Average monthly temperatures have been consistently warmer than historical averages, as much as 7 C in January.

The bizarre winter has been a mixed bag for people.

Those who want snow — skiers and snowmobilers and all who sell to them — are not smiling and farmers are worried about winter wheat kill and drought.

The city, however, is expecting a 2011 budget surplus of more than $3.6 million, which finance committee chair Coun. Scott Fielding partly attributed to low snowfall.

Ken Boyde, the city's manager of streets maintenance, said a typical yearly budget for snow clearing is $30 million, 60 per cent of which is spent January through April.

In 2012 there's been only one small plowing operation which "wasn't a very costly operation at all," Boyde said.

Sean Barnes, district manager with PCL Construction, said less snow helps his industry but warmer temperatures are even better.

Workers "aren't as bundled up and they don't have to take as many breaks," Barnes said.

They'll need to dress warm in the next few days as temperatures drop, but as for snow — the forecast is nothing but sunshine through next Wednesday.

Physician-assistant grads keep it local

The first graduates from a physician assistant masters training program unique to Manitoba aren't straying far from home now that they're out of the classroom.

Nineteen of the 23 students who enrolled in the inaugural classes at the University of Manitoba in September 2008 are now working at health-care facilities throughout the province.

"Physician assistants play a pivotal role in providing quality health care to Manitobans. They are responsible for a wide range of important medical tasks and are an integral part of our plan to connect all Manitobans with accessible and timely health care," said Health Minister Theresa Oswald in a release Thursday. "In 2008, our government created the first physician-assistant graduate training program in Canada and now that the first classes have graduated, we are pleased to see nearly all of its members have chosen to stay and work in Manitoba."

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Get your beads ready

New Orleans party returns to Winnipeg

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Can't wait for Mardi Gras? Keep your shirts on, it's coming.

The sixth instalment of Winnipeg's own Bourbon Street shaker is set to return to the Convention Centre next weekend.

"This year's going to be the best yet," said Winnipeg Mardi Gras spokesperson Bernice Sharples. "It's a full experience of sounds, tastes and fun."

The party will go on for two nights and both evenings will feature sets by Louisiana's own Rockin' Dopsie Jr. & The Zydeco Twisters. A full Dixieland Jazz band and a Brazilian martial arts dance troupe are among the acts rounding off the entertainment, but Sharples says the entertainment won't stop at the stage.

"There's always something to look at — you have the showgirls going around, people in body paint, aerial acrobatics ... we have two mechanical animals, stilt walkers and drag queens obviously," she laughed. "We wanted a little eye-candy."

Winnipeg Mardi Gras also has the tastes of New Orleans covered with a 200-foot long oyster and wine bar with Cajun favourites like freshly shucked oysters, peel-and-eat shrimp, alligator fritters and deep-fried pickles.

Winnipeg Mardi Gras gets the beads shaking Feb. 17-18 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. and the Winnipeg Convention Centre, and tickets are available at Ticketmaster.

Province says it's not to blame for man's death

The province of Manitoba says it's not responsible for the death of a homeless man who languished 34 hours in a Winnipeg hospital's emergency room and is asking a judge to dismiss allegations made by his relatives.

Brian Sinclair's family alleges the province allowed the ER to operate even though it constituted a "public nuisance" and was "injurious to public health."

The amended claims are part of a lawsuit filed two years ago against the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, the government of Manitoba and 13 other people.

Sinclair — a 45-year-old double amputee — died of a treatable bladder infection more than three years ago at the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre.

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▶ Brian Sinclair

New court documents filed this week by government lawyers suggest the family's lawsuit is making "bald allegations" without any evidence to back them up. The province is asking for that portion of the lawsuit, along with claims that Sinclair's charter rights were violated, be dismissed.

The Sinclair family is accusing Manitoba of putting public safety at risk, particularly the health of vulnerable aboriginal people, without backing up the claims with proof, provincial lawyer Glenn McFetridge argues in his submission.

The province is arguing Sinclair's rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms were not violated since he lost those rights when he died. Manitoba also argues it wasn't negligent in his death because it didn't have any personal duty of care under the Canada Health Act to the homeless man.

Security tape showed Sinclair went to the triage desk at Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre and spoke to an aide before wheeling himself into the waiting room. About 33 hours later, someone approached a security guard to say it appeared Sinclair was dead. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stobbe trial loses a second juror

A second juror has been dismissed in the Winnipeg trial of a Manitoba man accused of killing his wife.

Justice Chris Martin told court the man was allowed to quit because he has sleep apnea — a condition in which a person stops breathing momentarily, causing a disturbed rest.

Martin said he was concerned about the man's ability to pay attention.

There are now 12 jurors hearing evidence in the case of Mark Stobbe, a one-time political adviser who is accused in the death of his wife, Beverly Rowbotham.

Another juror was dismissed earlier this week for not showing up.

The trial is expected to be so lengthy that 14 men and women were chosen to hear the case. Recent changes allow for larger juries in so-called mega trials. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian trio rescued at sea

Family members' sailboat left adrift in Pacifc Ocean
Stranded boat capsized by arriving rescue ship

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▶ West James

Three Canadians attempting their first voyage across the Pacific in a sailboat were left adrift in rough seas hundreds of miles from land when their mast broke in high winds.

Just when they thought they were being rescued seven hours later, the swell from the arriving cargo ship capsized the smaller vessel, tossing the trio into the cold water.

As the sailboat was destroyed, nine-year-old West James prepared for the worst. "We're gonna sink. We're gonna die," the boy said, according to his father, Bradley James.

Bradley James, 32, said he tried to keep his son calm as they were in the Pacific for about two hours.

The father and son, along with Bradley's younger brother Mitchell, hit a series of storms while sailing from Mexico to Hawaii and on Tuesday high winds snapped their mast and choppy water overheated their engine about 300 miles from their destination. The trio tried to work up a makeshift sail but it blew away.

They contacted the Coast Guard and officials directed a massive cargo ship to the stranded 12-metre vessel.

Things might have seemed to be improving, but instead the nearly 275-metre containership flipped the trio into the ocean early Wednesday.

"If one bad thing goes wrong, it just seems like it gets worse and worse and worse and that's what happened," Mitchell James told Hawaii News Now.

All three eventually arrived in Honolulu safe and sound aboard the cargo ship early Thursday.

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Nature. Walk

▶ An interpretive trail and viewing platform overlooking glaciers along the Icefields Parkway in Jasper National Park is shown in this artist's rendition.

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Feds OK national park walkway

Environment Minister Peter Kent is giving a green light to a controversial glacier-walk project in Alberta's Jasper National Park, despite opposition from Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, which has said the walkway may affect the ability of animals such as mountain goats to move between different ranges.

Father of man charged in RCMP case speaks

Father of Sawyer Clarke Robison makes emotional plea for son to turn himself in to police officials

The father of a man charged with attempted murder in the shooting of two Alberta Mounties has made an emotional plea for his fugitive son to come home.

Ray Robison spoke directly to his son at a news conference outside the RCMP detachment in Killam on Thursday.

"Sawyer, we love you," he read haltingly from a piece of paper, his wife and a friend at his side. "You know that."

"Swallow your hurt and listen to the quiet world."
– RAY ROBISON, FATHER OF THE MAN CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING OF TWO MOUNTIES

"We want to have you back and we know how hard it may be for you to come back to us.

Robison said the 27-year-old man has the support of family and friends.

Sawyer Clarke Robison has been on the run since Tuesday when the Mounties were shot on the family farm, about 160 kilometres southeast of Edmonton.

RCMP have said they consider him a high risk because he may be armed with long-barrelled weapons. He's now the subject of a Canada-wide warrant.

Spokesman Sgt. Patrick Webb said police are casting a wide net for information to resolve things without further violence.

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▶ A RCMP officer is transported in an ambulance at the Killam Hospital as two STARS air ambulance helicopters wait in Killam, Alta. on Tuesday.

The chamber of seating squabbles

In Ottawa yesterday, the Senate witnessed a showdown over seating.

The newly elected chair of the Senate banking committee, a Conservative, didn't want the vice-chair, a Liberal, sitting next to him.

But when Tory Irving Gerstein asked Celine Hervieux-Payette to step away from the head table, she refused.

So Gerstein tabled a new motion, which passed the Tory-dominated chamber, and forced Payette to find a new seat farther away.

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PUBLIC BACKLASH

Feds slammed over torture policy

Pressure is mounting on the federal government to scrap its policy on torture-tainted information.

Amnesty International Canada and the official Opposition are calling on the Conservatives to impose a total ban on material gleaned from torture.

Controversy is raging over revelations the government directed Canada's spy agency to use information that may have been extracted through torture in cases where public safety is at risk. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Multiple people killed in B.C. crash

Multiple people have been killed after a tractor trailer and an SUV collided on a highway in central British Columbia.

RCMP Corp. Madonna Saunderson said the collision occurred on Highway 97 near McLeese Lake, which is located between Quesnel and Williams Lake, and may have killed between three and six people.

Original reports said five were killed, but Saunderson said there are conflicting numbers. She said police are unsure of how many people were in the van. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ The carcass of a 40-foot whale shark is lifted in Karachi on Tuesday.

Shark attracts controversy

Pakistani merchant fights police over right to charge spectators

Qasim Khan waged the unlikeliest of battles with Pakistani authorities Thursday over the right to charge hundreds of curious visitors the equivalent of 22 cents each to see a roughly 40-foot whale shark he bought from a fisherman.

Khan paid about $2,200 US on Tuesday for the 20-ton behemoth, which was discovered dead in the Arabian Sea off Karachi.

Business was brisk Wednesday, as several thousand people paid to see the brown- and white-spotted shark. But police cracked down Thursday, saying fishery authorities had decided people should be allowed to see the shark for free. Khan resisted and hid his prize attraction under the giant piece of green cloth he had previously used as a tent.

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Having a baby?

Healthy Baby community programs provide support to pregnant women, new parents and their babies

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▶ In this Feb. 2 photo, the state seal is seen on the side of a Vermont State Police cruiser in Middlesex, Vt.

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This little piggy has fans

Remember that pig hidden within the decal on the doors of some Vermont State Police cruisers? There's now a movement underway to keep the pig. The pig hidden within the red cows was first noticed last week, years after it was hidden there by a prison inmate who designed the 16-inch decals. The creator of the "save the pigs" Facebook page, Cid Sinclair of Barre, wants the state to keep the pigs on the cruisers. He says times have been tough and the pigs are an opportunity for Vermonters "to laugh together as one." He has more than 500 supporters.

Brazil takes steps toward censorship of tweets

An attempt to block Twitter users from alerting drivers to police roadblocks, radar traps and drunk-driving checkpoints could make Brazil the first country to take Twitter up on its plans to censor content at governments' requests.

About two weeks ago, Twitter unveiled plans to allow country-specific censorship of tweets that might break local laws.

An official at the federal prosecutor's office in Goias state Thursday said that as far as he knows no other country has yet tried to get Twitter to block tweets. He declined to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

A spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office said the injunction request was filed Feb. 6.

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Canada and China set table for trade

Harper hints Canada ready to take economic relationship to next level

Canada

A new poll suggests Canadians want China's help driving the economy, but don't want China in the driver's seat.

- **Money.** In the Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey, 51 per cent of Canadians polled welcomed Chinese investment.
- **Ownership.** But 49 per cent of those polled feel Chinese companies taking over an existing foreign-owned company operating in Canada is bad or very bad.

A raft of agreements between Canada and China may see the two countries ready to set sail on free-trade talks.

But even as Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao appeared ready to jump on that ship, Trade Minister Ed Fast was already backpedalling away from the possibility that Canada is ready for a trade deal that could revolutionize the economy.

The spectre of a free-trade deal was raised as the two countries released a joint statement committing to complete a joint economic study by May.

That paves the way, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said, to move the economic relationship to the next level.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen look at a model home while touring the China-Canada Green Building Design Center in Langfang, China, on Thursday.

Animals

CANADA'S PANDA-MONIUM

The Calgary Zoo says it's getting excited to roll out the welcome mat for two Chinese pandas.

Zoo spokeswoman Laurie Skene says China has agreed to lend Canada two pandas for 10 years.

The animals will divide their time equally between the Toronto and Calgary zoos, though it's not known which city they'll visit first or what age the pandas will be.

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FBI files reveal dark side of Jobs

Documents say Apple founder was power-hungry, dishonest Secret report now being shared with public

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Steve Jobs

FBI background interviews of some people who knew Apple co-founder Steve Jobs reveal a man driven by power and alienating some of the people who worked with him.

In the FBI documents released Thursday, many of those who knew Jobs praised him, speaking highly of Jobs' character and integrity and asserting that he always conducted his business dealings in a reputable manner. They recommended him for a post during the George H.W. Bush administration.

The 1991 interviews were part of a background check for an appointment to the President's Export Council.

The U.S. Commerce Department confirmed Thursday that Jobs did serve on the council during the first Bush administration.

Export council members serve in an unpaid capacity and meet at least twice a year, advising the president on trade policy.

One person told FBI agents the Apple co-founder's enormous power caused him to lose sight of honesty and integrity, leading him to distort the truth.

Another interview subject described Jobs to the FBI as a deceptive person — someone who was not totally forthright and honest, and as having a tendency to distort reality in order to achieve his goals.

And an ex-business associate who had a falling out with Jobs said that, while honest and trustworthy, Jobs nonetheless had questionable moral character. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Syrian city struggles to treat its wounded

Worst attack on Homs since uprising began in March: Activists Sanctions have not halted violence

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▶ This Syrian Arab News Agency handout photo shows a funeral procession for security forces killed in recent fighting in Syria.

Between blasts of rockets and mortar fire, Syrians used loudspeakers to call for blood donations and medical supplies Thursday in the stricken city of Homs, where a weeklong government offensive has created a deepening humanitarian crisis.

Government forces are trying to crush pockets of violent resistance in Homs, the epicentre of an 11-month-old uprising that has brought the country ever closer to civil war. The intense shelling in restive neighbourhoods such as Baba Amr has made it difficult to get medicine and care to the wounded, and some areas have been without electricity for days, activists say.

"Anything that moves, even a bird, is targeted. Life is completely cut off. It's a city of ghosts," Abu Muhammad Ibrahim, an activist in Homs, told The Associated Press by phone.

Hundreds of people are believed to have been killed since Saturday.

Human Rights Watch said eyewitness accounts and video reviewed by the group's arms experts suggest Syrian government forces are using long-range, indirect fire weapons such as mortars.

Makeshift hospitals and clinics are overwhelmed, with fears that the city could soon run out of supplies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ In this 2009 file photo, U.S. Marine Sgt. Monica Perez helps Lance Cpl. Mary Shloss put on her head scarf before heading out on a patrol in Afghanistan.

PENTAGON MOVES TO EASE JOB LIMITS FOR WOMEN IN MILITARY

The U.S. military formally opened thousands of jobs to women on Thursday in units that are closer to the front lines than ever before, reflecting what already has been occurring as female soldiers fight and die next to their male comrades.

The new rules, affecting thousands of jobs, will break down more of the official barriers that have restricted the military positions women can take. They are being sent to Congress, and if lawmakers take no action after 30 work days the policy will take effect.

The changes still are not coming fast enough for some in Congress or the military. They noted the rules still ban women from serving as infantry, armour and special-operations forces, which are considered the most dangerous combat jobs.

Instead, they reflect what has been happening for the past 10 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will allow women to perform many jobs they already are doing, but in smaller units, closer to the fighting and once considered too dangerous.

Because combat service gives troops an advantage for promotions and job opportunities, it has been more difficult for women to move to higher ranks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fashion's man of the moment defies gender

Androgynous Aussie has modelled for Marc Jacobs, John Galliano, Jean Paul Gaultier At six-foot-one he's rail-thin, a women's size 2 or 4

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▶ Model Andrej Pejic has makeup applied for a fashion shoot in New York.

On a chilly day, Andrej Pejic settles into a Manhattan café with a cup of tea, sitting gracefully, long legs crossed. The blue-eyed fashion model gazes out a window, unaware that almost every man sitting nearby is transfixed.

A man walks up to the window, presses his face against the glass and kisses it. Pejic giggles and admits: "I find it flattering."

The admirers are likely unaware that the beautiful blond is actually a man.

As Fashion Week gets under way in New York City, Pejic is one of the most recognizable — and controversial — faces in the industry. He's the only top-tier fashion model who can walk down the runway as either a man or a woman. And his androgynous beauty has turned him into a trendsetter in an industry that's always seeking to push the envelope.

Although Pejic isn't trying to be a woman, many in the transgender community have already claimed him as their own. He is seen as a bit of a maverick, someone who has embraced his sexuality without any need for explanation or justification. Last year, the gay and lesbian magazine Out named him "stylemaker of the year" and put him on its cover wearing a bridal veil and flowers in his hair.

14 Andrej Pejic graced the covers of 14 magazines last year alone, including an ad campaign for a Dutch push-up bra.

From an early age, Pejic exhibited qualities thought of as traditionally feminine, for instance, preferring Barbies over toy cars. As a teenager, he often hung out with girls. He says acceptance from his friends and family made him comfortable in his own skin.

"I'm lucky in that sense," he says. "If I had big muscles and were hairy with a beard, I might not be comfortable with that."

While open to discussing almost anything, Pejic remains secretive about his sexual orientation. When asked whether he prefers men or women, he coyly smiles. "Love has no boundaries," he says.

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Tassimo recalls products over rupture, burn concerns

Ten-year-old Minnesota girl sent to hospital for second-degree burns

More than 40 people, including a two-year-old Canadian girl, have suffered second-degree burns from malfunctioning Tassimo coffee makers or exploding discs, prompting a recall across North America, authorities say.

Two separate Kraft Foods Canada recalls involve 900,000 Bosch-brand Tassimo coffee makers and 2 million Gevalia and Nabob espresso T-Discs in Canada.

Another 835,000 Bosch-brand Tassimo coffee makers and two million T-Discs are being recalled in the U.S.

The malfunctioning coffee makers can spray people with hot liquid, because of the way an insert is holding the single-serving discs.

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Health Canada reported 37 people in the U.S. and Canada suffered second-degree burns from malfunctioning coffee makers alone and another four from exploding discs.

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Messages from ex-Beatle hacked: Mills

She squared off against former Beatle Paul McCartney in divorce court; on Thursday, Heather Mills took on Piers Morgan at Britain's media ethics inquiry.

The ex-model trashed Morgan's earlier testimony, saying that one of her private voicemails, which was played to the CNN interviewer and former tabloid editor, could have been obtained only through phone hacking.

Mills spoke under oath at Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry into the practices of Britain's scandal-hit press, and said two dozen messages left for her by the former Beatle were intercepted by a journalist working for British newspaper group Trinity Mirror.

She said the incident happened after she and McCartney had a fight in January 2001, when McCartney, then her boyfriend, bombarded her with phone calls.

She said she found it strange that the messages were listed as having been listened to even before she had accessed them, but said she didn't realize what had happened until the Mirror journalist — unnamed for legal reasons — called her up and confronted her with details of the battle.

"I said: 'There's no way that you could know that unless you have been listening to my messages,'" she told the inquiry. "And he laughed."

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▶ Heather Mills

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Mills vs. Morgan

- The messages left for Mills by McCartney are at the centre of the allegations against CNN host Piers Morgan, who was editor of the Daily Mirror tabloid at the time.
- At the inquiry last year, Morgan denied ordering anyone to hack a phone or writing stories based on hacked messages.

LABOUR UNREST

Air Canada facing pilot strike

Air Canada headed closer to another possible labour disruption Thursday after its pilots began a strike vote in response to what they said was a "rigid" company position that appeared aimed at escalating their contract dispute.

A strike mandate after the schedule five days of voting would put the airline's 3,000 pilots in a legal strike position early on Feb. 17, or 72 hours after the end of a mandatory cooling-off period.

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▶ An Air Canada flight lands in Halifax.

The strike vote doesn't mean the pilots will actually initiate a labour stoppage, but it gives the union the ability to respond to any unilateral moves by the company.

Captain Gary Tarves, chairman of the Air Canada Pilots Association, said the airline's "rigid position" raises the possibility of an "escalation."

The pilots said the company rejected its offer to delay any strike or lockout until April 2 and any strike vote to no earlier than March 22.

Their proposal would have also prohibited the company from changing conditions of pilots' employment as is allowed when job action is permitted. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Apple to unveil new iPad?

A news report says Apple plans to unveil a new iPad early next month.

AllThingsD, a website affiliated with The Wall Street Journal, says Apple is holding an event in San Francisco the first week of March — the same week the company announced the iPad 2 last year.

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1 **Hosers in heaps:** Canada's population is the fastest-growing of all G8 nations. Census 2011 revealed a growth of two million over the last five years. The fastest-growing region is the West, which means, I guess, we have to brace ourselves for a lot more country music.

2 **Off The Record:** Michael Landsberg's poignant documentary about depression aired on CTV this week. Darkness and Hope includes confessions from successful athletes who dispel the myths relating the illness to weakness or failure. Ironically, it depressed me a little, but I applaud all involved for the courage to bear their souls for the benefit of millions. Thanks, Michael.

3 **Time out:** For those contemplating a warm-weather getaway, one of the most popular new hot spots seems to be Panama City. Least popular? Damascus.

4 **And speaking of Damascus:** Vladimir Putin, the "hall monitor" of the Middle East, warned against outside forces meddling in Syria's affairs. He says, "We must not behave like a bull in a china shop." He's right. Especially when the bull that's already in there has broken most of the china himself.

5 **Seeing is believing:** Season 2 of The Voice premiered this week. It differs from other star-finder shows because judges choose without seeing contestants. There is nothing like the looks on their faces when they discover that they passed on someone beautiful or, worse, that they chose someone who looks like a female Perez Hilton.

6 **One Love:** Had he not left us too soon, this week would have been Bob Marley's 67th birthday. Thousands took Monday off to celebrate, but returned to work the next day unable to elaborate.

7 **Toughness test:** Raptors star Andrea Bargnani will get paid $9 million this year in salary alone, but has missed 20 per cent of an already shortened season due to a strained calf. I know a guy who lost a testicle and got just one day off. To be fair, though, he sucks at basketball.

8 **Freudian slip:** True story: 15 years ago, at a Blur concert in London, two of the Spice Girls, Ginger and Sporty, joined the band onstage for a set, only to be thrown off by security guards who didn't know who they were. Fortunately, the girls had learned how to break a fall earlier in their career after several incidents of being "accidentally" thrown off stage.

9 **Valentine's Day:** This year, forget the dying plants and offer up some soul. Poetry is the potion, but if your repertoire is limited, simply choose some poignant song lyrics. This year, I'm going with LMFAO's "I got passion in my pants and I ain't afraid to show it.... I'm sexy and I know it." Hey — high risk, high reward.

10 **And the award goes to:** Juno nominations were revealed this week and include Grammy nominees Bieber, Feist, Drake and Arcade Fire, as well as a bevy of future stars. To my American friends I say, "You're welcome."

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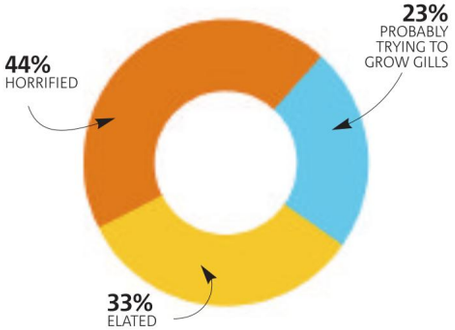
If a real Canadian winter never does show up this year, you will be:



Local tweets

- **@amckiel:** "Curiousity is one of our greatest assets - it fuels innovation...our curiousity CURED the cat!" - Gem Newman at #tedxmanitoba
- **@tessavanderhart:** I like this idea: telling stories that have, at their core, skepticism. A hero that asks why, then acts. #hamlet #harry-potter #TEDxManitoba
- **@philletourneau:** The best part of #TEDxManitoba 2012 is that they play the audio from the talks into the bathrooms. Let's see video in 2013.
- **@_M1che11e__:** The first follower is what transforms a lone nut into a leader. #TEDxManitoba
- **@kd_newmediaMB:** Wow. I am awestruck by #TEDxManitoba's message of the power of transformation. From rage to love. From fear to action. Watermelon to tuna
- **@amckiel:** "Justice without love is punitive - love without justice is permissive." - Wilma Derksen at #tedxmanitoba #whatifx #li
- **@toderash:** #booyah! RT @hborys: If you can get comfortable with the idea of failing, it's a catapult to success. ~Alisha Alfa #TEDx-Manitoba

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Missing winter? Visit an igloo

Guests of the igloo lodge enjoy drinks near the Nebelhorn mountain in Oberstdorf, southern Germany, on Wednesday.

A village of 10 igloos hosts up to 30 guests in the winter months and supplies them with warm blankets and sleeping bags, so that they can spend the night there.

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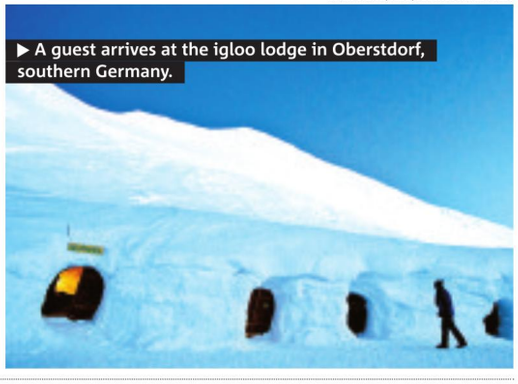
Close to home

You can check out Hôtel de Glace, which is located just outside of Quebec City.

- **This ice hotel** offers themed suites and features a Nordic relaxation area with outdoor spas and saunas.
- **This season** it is only available until March 25.



▶ A guest arrives at the igloo lodge in Oberstdorf, southern Germany.

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Synopsis

- Ryan Reynolds plays Matt Weston, a rookie CIA agent stationed at an underused safe house in Cape Town, South Africa. When agents bring in Tobin Frost (Denzel Washington), an ex-agent wanted for espionage, Weston is thrust into a wild escape plan, high level intrigue and must learn who to trust. Metro movie reviewer Steve Gow opines in place of Mark Breslin this week.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕
  Steve: ⊕⊕⊕

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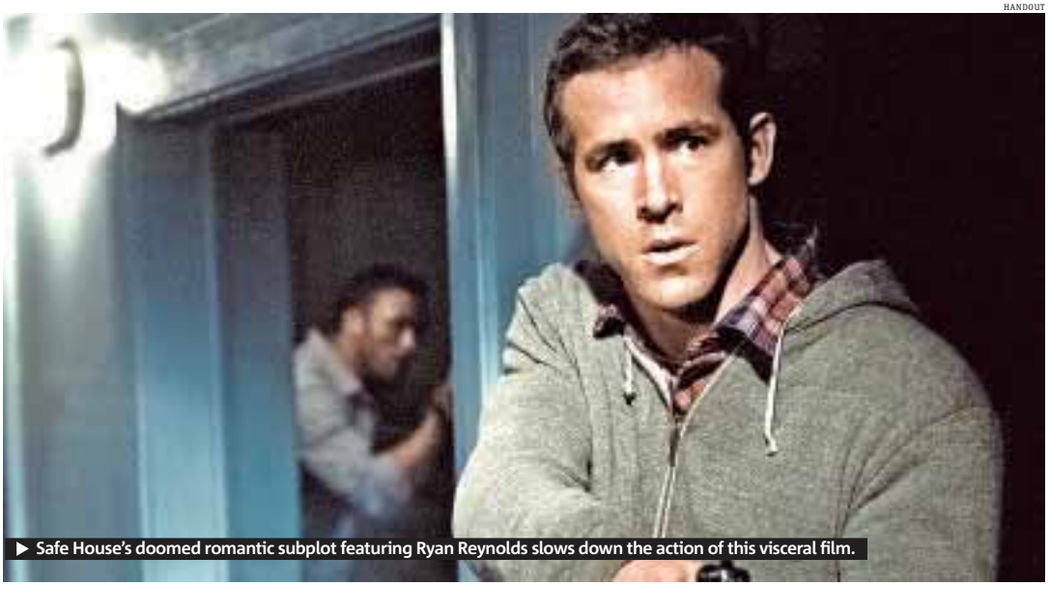

▶ Safe House's doomed romantic subplot featuring Ryan Reynolds slows down the action of this visceral film.

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Reel Guys

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'Safe' bet for action

Richard Crouse and Steve Gow agree Safe House is pure visceral fun
Poor Ryan Reynolds is chewed up by the acting chops of Denzel Washington

Richard: Steve, for most of the running time, Safe House is a pretty exciting action movie. Things blow up, Denzel is a cool bad guy, but when the movie slows down to try and provide some back story it kind of lost me. What did you think?

Steve: Richard, I agree. Although the film begins with some fairly intense action, for the most part newcomer director Daniel Espinosa has crafted a pretty ordinary thriller. It's got an overabundance of car chases, foot chases and frenetic over-the-top fight scenes that, inasmuch as they seem stolen out of the Bourne series, wears thin pretty quick. Still, that Denzel can steal a scene, can't he?

RC: He sure can, much to the detriment of his costar Ryan Reynolds. Denzel wipes the floor with Reynolds. The tension of the movie comes from Washington. He's a leading man who isn't afraid to explore the evil nature of his characters, and unlike other A-listers like Tom Cruise or Will Smith, who have it written in their contracts that they must be the hero, Washington adds in a heap of moral ambiguity, which keeps things interesting.

SG: Absolutely. Unlike the doomed romantic sub-plot between Ryan Reynolds and a Parisian blondie. I get that Espinosa is trying to add character dimension but it just ends up unnecessary and slows the rest of the film. Besides, Safe House is about visceral action first and foremost and it does deliver there. Almost unrelentingly.

RC: Too bad Green Lantern didn't have action half as good as Safe House. Then there might have been a sequel and we'd all be talking about Reynolds in his green tights instead of how here he is mainly a pile of clichés who barely registers when placed next to the more complex Washington character.

SG: Well, don't expect any sequels here either. In fact, for a story that was touted as one of the best unproduced scripts in Hollywood before it was snapped up, it doesn't push the crooked CIA story any further than we've seen before. Still, Denzel is clearly enjoying himself and I expect most audiences will vicariously join him for the ride.

Scene in brief

Producers say Naomi Watts will play Princess Diana in a film about the last years of the royal's life. Britain's Ecosse Films says Caught in Flight will focus on the two years before Diana's death in a Paris car crash in August 1997. It is directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel, best known for his film about Hitler's last days, Downfall.

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Filmmaker Lynne Ramsay didn't give up on We Need to Talk About Kevin

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The Vow

Genre: Drama
Director: Michael Sucsy
Stars: Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum, Sam Neill

A serious question: If you awoke in a hospital bed with no memory of how you got there — or your life for the last several years — and were told that you were married to Channing Tatum, would you freak out? Or would you just high-five the nurse?

The reaction of Paige (Rachel McAdams) when faced with that decision in The Vow is not so celebratory, unfortunately. The last thing she remembers is being an uptight, blueberry mojito-drinking yuppie-in-training on her way to a law degree, so it's reasonable that she'd be a bit thrown by her new fashionably bohemian life in an impeccably shabby downtown loft with dopey but dependable musician husband Leo (Tatum). Still, Rachel. Gift horses and all.

Unfortunately, the movie takes its time getting anywhere, meandering for long stretches in the awkwardness of Paige trying to readjust to a life she doesn't remember before retreating back to the comforting familiarity of her wealthy but previously estranged family. Points to director Michael Sucsy for resisting temptations to veer into bigger, more Hollywood romantic territory, as he instead keeps close to the reality of such an unfortunate situation.

But still, you can only watch two people look frustrated for so long, no matter how beautiful they are.

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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island

Genre: Action/Comedy
Director: Brad Peyton
Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine

A follow-up to 2008's Journey to the Centre of the Earth, Journey 2 takes an effects-laden 3D look at Jules Verne's The Mysterious Island — a slickly-crafted world full of kooky dwarf elephants and mule-sized bumblebees.

Formulaic and full of familiar characters, this harmless family fare draws on youthful adventure but Dwayne Johnson's annoying pec-popping and deft skills on ukulele still won't keep the sinking Mysterious Island afloat for discerning moviegoers.

STEVE GOW

Coriolanus

Genre: Drama
Director: Ralph Fiennes
Stars: Ralph Fiennes, Gerard Butler, Brian Cox

Ralph Fiennes' ferocious adaptation of one of Shakespeare's least-known plays has been calibrated for present-tense relevance: the director casts himself as the resentful, battle-scarred general of a war-torn nation battling media spin and the machinations of duplicitous politicians. Expert support from Jessica Chastain, Vanessa Redgrave and, surprisingly, Gerard Butler — as Fiennes' equally combat-savvy nemesis — gives the film dramatic heft to balance its scattered action flick moves.

ADAM NAYMAN

Pina

Genre: Documentary
Director: Wim Wenders
Stars: Pina Bausch, Regina Advento, Mailu Airaudo

Pina is a rare film that actually benefits from the 3D format. Director Wim Wenders examination of German choreographer Pina Bausch, who died during pre-production, is a character study masquerading as a ballet. Mixing archival footage with beautiful scenes of her Tanztheater Wuppertal ensemble performing her creations (both onstage and in the outdoors), Wenders uses dance to capture his subject's spirit. Dance enthusiasts will marvel at this film; there's more than just elaborate body movement on display.

IAN GORMELY

McG's 'war' of words

Big-talking director McG doesn't hold back while promoting his new film This Means War
Read on to learn what he thinks about homoerotic endings and the MPAA's rules on sex

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▶ The cast of This Means War poses with director McG at the film's premiere last week in London.

Director McG — previously of the Charlie's Angels movies and Terminator: Salvation — has never shied away from big talk. And it's a quality he brought with him while promoting his latest, This Means War, an action movie/romantic-comedy hybrid about two CIA agents (Tom Hardy and Chris Pine) battling it out over the same girl (Reese Witherspoon). Here's a look at some of his more eyebrow-raising statements about his film.

On toning down the film for a PG-13 rating:
"It's funny because it's the prudish, uptight MPAA that's fine with the violent components, but anything that has to do with sexuality — like I had to open up my vein and bleed. But 'You need to be a bigger liar because your boyfriend's penis is so big that he's getting a penile reduction and every time it lands in my urethra it's like a poltergeist' — who thinks that way? [Cast member] Chelsea [Handler] is out of her f---ing mind and that's why we love her. The MPAA was trying to take out all that stuff. We got it back in, but we got to take out a few things. But we retained the authentic comedic stylings of Chelsea Handler."

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▶ McG

On a lack of diversity in This Means War:
"Listen, that's a huge concern for me, you know? And I can answer that in good faith because I put Lucy Liu in Charlie's Angels. I don't like lily-white movies with lily-white people bouncing around, but you also just got to do what you got to do. In the spirit of the Benetton ad rainbow coalition, you know, the most empowered character in the film is indeed a black woman [referring to Angela Bassett's CIA boss]. I enjoy that the most powerful person in Hollywood is indeed a black woman — Oprah Winfrey. I love ethnic diversity all over the place, but I'm hoping to just transcend beyond that."

On online dating:
"The least you can say is, 'Hey, I'm really into going to bed at 9 o'clock and I like zebras and, you know, role playing.' And then you can get after it in that regard and you can narrow it down to some degree."

On leading lady Reese Witherspoon:
"She's fearless. She's given birth twice, she can do anything."

On finding the right ending for the movie:
"We wanted to have flexibility. We even talked about having two endings and releasing it — if it were on 3,000 screens, 1,500 would have this one, and 1,500 would have that one — and just not say anything.

"There's even an ending where the two boys end up in each other's arms. A homoerotic finish. I pussed out on the ending of Terminator 4. I should have gone with the dark ending for that one, so maybe I'll do the dark ending with this one."

Tom Hardy messes with us

- While he's made a name for himself with more serious performances in the likes of Bronson, Warrior and Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, let it be known that Tom Hardy has a wicked sense of humour. In fact, he sometimes has trouble answering questions seriously. When asked about the advent of online dating — a key plot point in This Means War, Hardy veers off into an anti-Internet polemic, keeping a straight face the whole time. "I think it's abhorrent, I think the whole thing is abhorrent," he says. "I think online dating is a way of procuring people, you know what I mean? Like Facebook, Myspace. It's a way that people connect out. And procure small children and sometimes you know, dodgy relationships. I don't think it's very healthy. Online dating is cool, but I think Facebook and Myspace is a little offkey."
- So how does Hardy keep in touch with his own friends? "I don't have any friends," he says, still not cracking. "I like to keep to myself. I have a dog and a son. A dog couldn't do anything to upset me, you know, and neither could my son."
- And as for the film itself, which director McG describes as "impossible to put into a box" because of its mix of action and romantic comedy genres? "I agree with that totally," Hardy says. "But I'm worried about the DVD release now. If we can't fit it in a box, we're f---ed."

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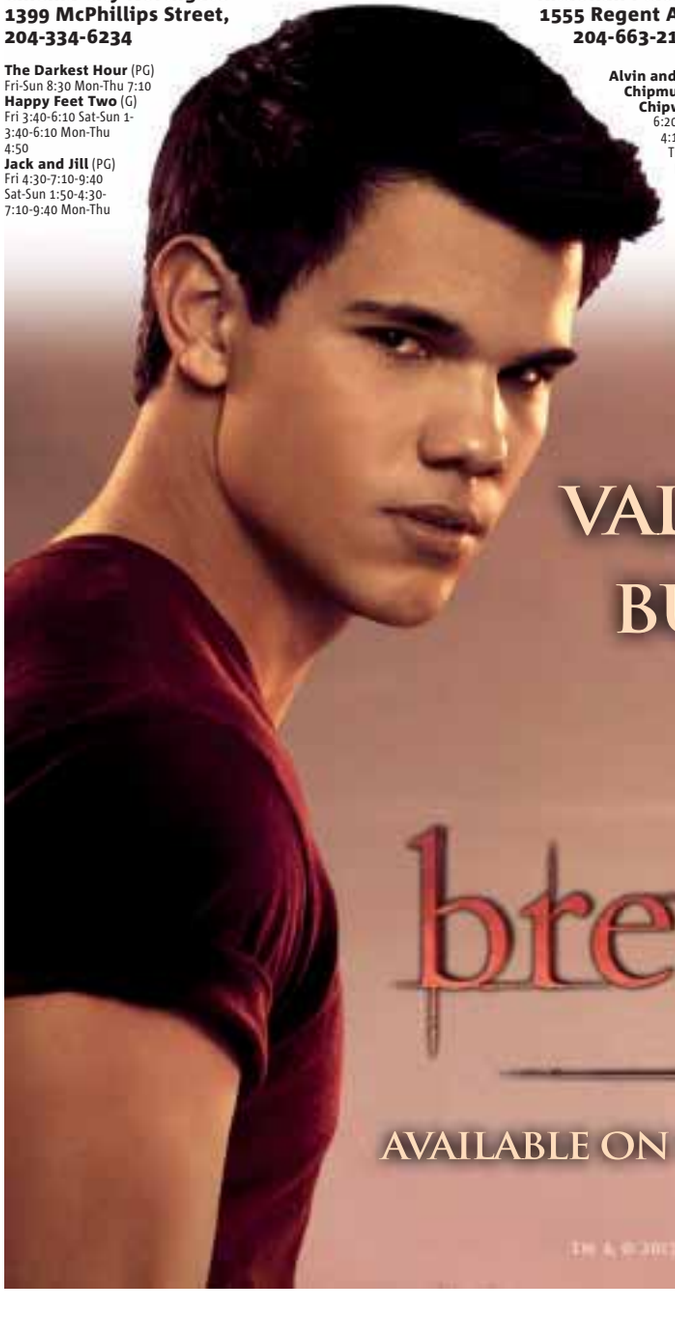

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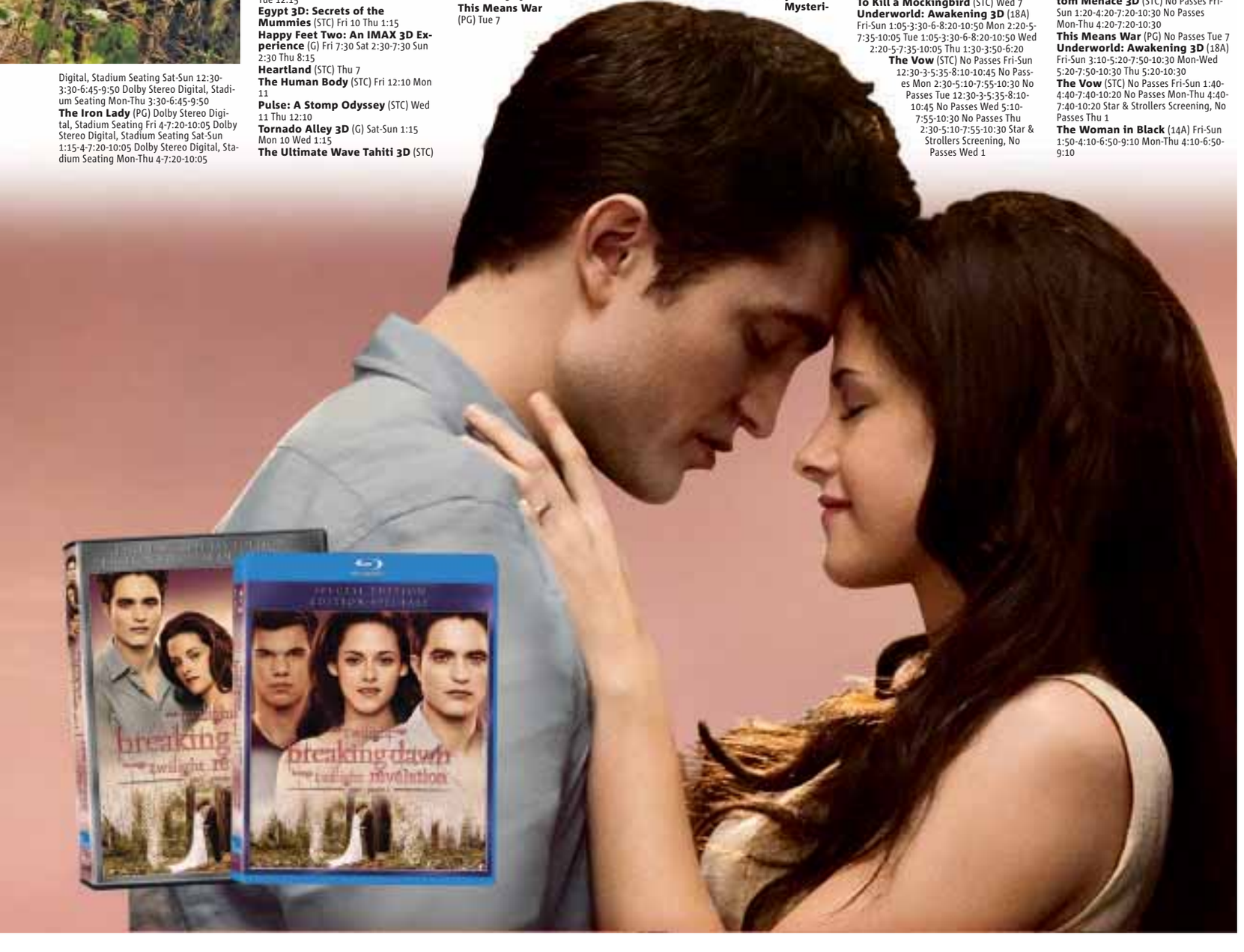

TV picks

Deschanel hits SNL

KARMIN TO PERFORM. New Girl star Zooey Deschanel gets her first crack at hosting Saturday Night Live. She's joined by musical guest Karmin, a duo who became popular online performing covers. (Global)

So you think you can act?

WAY OFF BROADWAY. Amateur community theatre enthusiasts get a chance to live out their dreams on Friday in the Canadian reality show Way Off Broadway.

The makeshift cast has eight weeks to practise before performing The Wizard of Oz in front of an audience of 1,100 people. (Bravo)

Fear Factor ups the ante

BEE WARY. Fear Factor has already nixed one episode for crossing the line of good taste, so you know they're pushing the boundaries this season. This Sunday, contestants perform death-defying stunts and take on angry swarms of bees. (NBC)

Glued to the ice

SATURDAY. Hockey fans have all day to celebrate the sport Saturday with CBC's annual Hockey Day in Canada. The network is focusing on Prince Edward Island but will use 13 live locations across the country and will broadcast NHL games featuring all seven Canadian teams. The whole thing will run more than 13 hours on the air.

Looking into lawn care

MARKETPLACE. CBC's consumer affairs show Marketplace turns its attention outdoors in this Friday's episode. Host Tom Harrington looks into complaints from unhappy consumers who dealt with Canada's leading lawn-care company (CBC)

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The River: You'll need a nightlight

Crew of a research vessel search for a missing TV explorer in the Amazon
Show ups the anxiety and fear factor The River airs Tuesdays on CTV

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▶ A scene from The River

A good scare is a hard thing to come by on a primetime television series, which tend to steer clear of horror outside of dead bodies on a cop show. But when Paranormal Activity mastermind Oren Peli is at the helm, fear becomes the central plot.

The terror auteur makes his television debut with The River, a paranormal thriller that chronicles the search for nature show host Dr. Emmet Cole (Bruce Greenwood), who has disappeared in the Amazon.

The rescue operation is spearheaded by Cole's former co-stars — his wife (Leslie Hope) and son (Joe Anderson), who assemble a team that includes a film crew documenting the expedition.

But the hunt for clues quickly leads to unexpected, unearthly finds — like angry spirits and terrifyingly evil baby dolls.

"We were all on the same page that the way we want to create the scares is not with gory images or anything that's overly visual," says Peli.

The "we" he refers to includes producing partner Steven Spielberg, who convinced him to turn The River into a TV series rather than a film.

"We want to create the kind of anxiety and tension that allows the audience to use their own imagination to fill in the blanks and kind of create their own worst-case nightmare scenario."

The effect is artfully achieved by using "found" footage from the search party's documentary crew as part of the series' cinematography.

Showrunner Zack Estrin finds the tactic so crucial to the heart of the show that he refers to it as "the use of the camera as a character."

"When you're watching the show, you aren't just, you know, seeing people react," Estrin says.

"You're actually having the filmmakers themselves react because those camera guys are getting scared just the same as everybody else, and I think it has a much bigger impression on the audience."

About Mr. Spielberg

Getting a television series, Oren Peli says, was as simple as meeting with Steven Spielberg. Which, of course, wasn't very simple at all.

"It actually started with an idea that I had for a movie, which was much more simple than the way The River has evolved," Peli says. "It was just going to be about a documentary crew that has gone missing in the rainforest and filming the rescue mission to find them. I developed this idea with a couple of my producing partners, and we just put it aside and went on to produce other films. Then I had a meeting with Steven Spielberg, and he told me, 'Hey, we should do a TV show together,' and I'm thinking, 'OK. Sure, whatever you say.'"

At that point, Peli admits, "I was barely figuring out the world of movies. I had no idea about anything with TV, and I tried to come up with some cool idea for a TV show." He turned his focus back to films, and ended up chatting with the writer of Paranormal Activity 2 about ideas that never came to fruition.

"I was telling him about this idea for the missing rainforest expedition, and he goes crazy for this," Peli remembers, "like, 'Why waste it on one movie? You can turn it into a whole TV show, and every episode they get into another adventure.'"

AMBER RAY

Always on

How does using "found" footage to tell a story change an actor's method? Well, for one, there's no downtime.

All about your game face: "Because there are multiple cameras and those cameras can swing anywhere at any time, you have to be on your game 110 per cent as opposed to 100 per cent of the time," says star Joe Anderson, who plays Dr. Emmet Cole's son, Lincoln. "You never know when you're going to be filmed. There's sometimes a little window that you know the camera is going to pass over you and you have to give something specific within that window. It's freeing and challenging at the same time."

Thank me later

Grammy nominations don't reflect big year for Canadians

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▶ Drake's album Take Care, which was released in November, is not eligible for Grammy consideration this year.

The Adele factor

- It might not be a bad thing that the Canucks will mostly be on the outside looking in this year. At least this way they don't have to compete with Adele.
- The British crooner with the almighty pipes is expected to win pretty much everything in sight on Grammy night. It's not just that her anguished sophomore record, 21, sold more copies than Kinko's in a year-long residency near the top of the charts.
- But Adele also would seem to occupy the Grammy voter sweet spot. She's young enough that the hip set can hum any of her ubiquitous melodies, but has a retro neo-soul style and handsomely understated production that appeals to older voters.

This past year was one of the best in recent memory for chart-storming Canadian artists, yet you wouldn't know it tuning in to this weekend's Grammy Awards.

But there's no need to raise those patriotic pitchforks. While there was a point in December in which four of the top five slots on the U.S. Billboard charts were occupied by Canadian artists, most of music's Grammy-worthy Canucks were simply fashionably late in 2011.

The eligibility period for this year's awards — to be broadcast Sunday from L.A.'s Staples Center on Global and CBS — ran from Sept. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011.

Chief among the Grammy shoo-ins who didn't make the cut? Drake, whose innovative slow burn sophomore record Take Care topped critics' polls, earning praise for its flickering, ennui-steeped R&B/hip-hop hybrid. The album opened at No. 1 in the U.S. en route to platinum sales.

The fact that the 25-year-old from Toronto reeled in three nominations anyway — for collaborations with Nicki Minaj, Rihanna and DJ Khaled — suggests that the Recording Academy really, really likes him. But when it comes to Take Care, he'll have to wait for the Grammys to thank him later.

Michael Bublé has a similarly solid track record with the Grammys, having won three trophies over the years.

But while his charmingly retro holiday disc Christmas filled more stockings than the Rockettes last year, it came out in October and just missed Grammy consideration.

While it's tough to tell whether 17-year-old teen-pop sensation Justin Bieber would have been nominated for his own featherweight holiday collection, Under the Mistletoe (the Stratford, Ont., native is a two-time nominee, after all), he also missed the eligibility period by a little over a month.

Ditto divisive hard-rockers Nickelback. Say what you will about the midtempo, midbrow sludge-slingers, they've been nominated for six Grammys in the past. But Here and Now came out in November, when it was "Here and Late" in Grammy terms.

And Feist's Metals was the closest of all, hitting stores on Oct. 4 in the U.S. and Canada. While the contemplative disc lacks the immediate pop splendour of predecessor The Reminder — which earned the Toronto-based songwriter four Grammy nominations in 2008 — the record was praised widely for its inventive instrumentation and sturdy song craft.

But like many of her high-profile compatriots, Feist will just have to wait until next year to find out if Metals is worthy of Grammy attention.

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Let's wave goodbye to the blond weave

The human Barbie doll look needs to go, says Metro's Dorothy Robinson

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Well, that's it. By appearing at an amfAR gala on Wednesday night in New York City with this rug on her head, Lindsay Lohan has officially killed the blond, wavy, weave look.

But is that such a bad thing? The blond weave has had a good run. (How good did 52-year-old Madonna look with one while performing at Sunday night's Super Bowl?) But the look — it's getting a bit tired, no? Like, we get it: You're a human Barbie doll. Good for you.

▶ Lindsay Lohan

Celebrity tweets

@aimeemann

Tonight, I'm staying in and proving to myself that I really will watch just about anything on tv.

@oliviawilde

House lovers, it's the end of an era. Shows like that don't happen, well, ever. I'm honored to have been a part of such a brilliant story.

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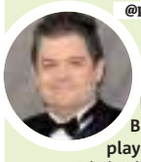

Three days after I was born, The Beatles played their last concert (1/30/69). My bad.

@RealMattLucas

Huge congratulations to The Daily Star for making up an interview with me today.

Courteney Cox can't get a date

Courteney Cox hasn't been having much luck in the romance department since her split from husband David Arquette, she admits in an interview with Howard Stern.

"No guy's asked me out. I'm not saying I'm not ready to have a make-out session, but it just makes me nervous. I don't like to go out in general," she says.

"I have sexual feelings, and there's ways to deal with that."

But Cox admits that dating needs to make its way to the top of her agenda: "It's time for me to get out there. It's not easy to meet people. They don't call me," she explains.

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Courteney Cox

▶ Jennifer Aniston

The one rumour that gets to Jen

Jennifer Aniston is used to the rumours and stories about her that keep the tabloids in business, but that doesn't mean she has to like them.

In fact, as she tells InStyle magazine, one — involving Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie — is particularly more annoying than the others.

"There are so many," she says of the misconceptions about her.

"I would say the triangle with my ex-husband — and that there's a feud there. It's constant. It's a story headline that won't go away, but it's a money thing — a story that has nothing to do with reality."

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Blue Ivy Carter now trademarked

Blue Ivy Carter, the one-month-old daughter of Jay-Z and Beyoncé, is set to be a household name, so naturally her parents felt the need to trademark it.

In late January, the couple filed an application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to prevent Blue Ivy's name from being used, according to the Washington Post. And they weren't just being paranoid, as the office had already received — and denied — multiple applications for trademarks using the baby's name, including a fashion design entrepreneur and a fragrance company. Both were rejected, with the office citing that the name belongs "to a very famous infant."

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▶ Jay-Z and Beyoncé

It's officially over

Well, that was fast. Katy Perry has signed Russell Brand's divorce settlement, reaching an agreement to end their 14-month marriage, according to TMZ.

"The parties have entered into a comprehensive written settlement of all issues, including, without limitation, with respect to the property to be confirmed or assigned to each party," the document reads, outlining that Brand isn't after any of Perry's money.

The former couple insisted their split was amicable, and that's certainly the case if Perry's signature is any indication: She signed the divorce settlement with a little smiley face next to her name.

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▶ Katy Perry

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But how good is MYO-MED in easing pain? Researchers at the University of Connecticut carried out double-blind studies to test its effectiveness. One group of patients, suffering from osteo-arthritis of the knee, was treated with MYO-MED. A similar group received a placebo cream. But neither doctors nor patients were told which cream was the real McCoy.

Thirty minutes after applying the cream, patients were tested to see how their disability was affected. How far could they flex a knee before it became painful? How well could they get up from a chair? How much time did it take to go up and down 11 steps? And how good was their balance?

Patients were then advised to apply their creams twice a day for 30 days. Both groups of patients were also provided with nutritional guidance to ensure neither group gained weight during the trial period.

Researchers found that patients using MYO-MED noticed better function after 30 minutes. Further improvement occurred over the ensuing 30 days. Patients could flex knees better, needed less time to navigate stairs and rise from a chair. They also showed improved balance, strength and physical endurance.

MYO-MED combats another vital problem. It's logical that if a knee joint hurts, there's a natural tendency not to move it. But ships develop barnacles if tied up to dock too long. And people suffering from painful joints slowly but surely lose muscle mass if they become less active. This can have a major effect on their way of life. Several professional athletes who have access to the best treatments available say that MYO-MED keeps them on the playing field. It has also kept me at the trap shooting range as the gun's recoil often leaves me with a painful shoulder. And my tennis friend couldn't be happier. I'll surprise him with another tube at Christmas.

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This fabulous recipe from Daniela Molettieri, winning Canadian student chef of the S. Pellegrino Almost Famous Chef Competition, will surely win over your lover for Valentine's Day!

With two tenderloins, enjoy one and bring one for lunch to let your co-workers know who loves you!

Filet of Veal Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms, served with Butternut Squash and Roasted Hazelnut Purée Preparation:

1. Butternut Squash Purée: Bring squash to boil in salted water 20 mins. or until very soft. Drain well and return to pot. Using potato masher, mash well with butter, salt and pepper. Stir in hazelnuts. Set aside and keep warm.
2. In skillet, melt 1/4 cup (60 mL) of butter over medium high heat; cook mushrooms, shallots, thyme and garlic, stirring occasionally 15 mins. or until liquid has evaporated. Set aside and let cool.
3. Using chef's knife, make incision in centre of tenderloin across middle, not cutting through to the other side. Cut along each side to open more. Stuff with mushroom mix and close. Tie tenderloins with butcher's twine in 2 inch (5 cm) intervals and place seam side down on parchment paper lined baking sheet; sprinkle with half of pepper and salt. Roast in 350 F (180 C) oven 45 mins. or until meat thermometer reaches 150 F (65 C) for medium rare. Rest for before slicing.
4. In saucepan combine dried mushrooms and stock and simmer for 10 minutes. Drain through fine mesh sieve and return stock to saucepan. Whisk in remaining butter and pepper.
5. Spread squash in centre of plate and place veal slices alongside. Spoon sauce along meat to serve. DANIELA MOLETTIERI/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients:

- 2 veal or pork tenderloins
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 12 oz (375 g) fresh mixed fresh mushrooms, minced
- 4 shallots, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper
- Pinch salt
- 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) veal or beef stock
- 1 cup (250 mL) dried mushrooms (about 1 oz/30 g)

Butternut Squash and Roasted Hazelnut Puree:

- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) peeled and cubed butternut squash
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- Pinch salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) chopped toasted hazelnuts

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▶ This recipe serves eight, so be sure to share the love.

Of bubbly love potions

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With Valentine's Day around the corner, love is in the air and all over the greeting card racks at your local pharmacy.

I'm sure most love birds will launch a preemptive passion play and celebrate this weekend, but I like when the holiday falls on a Tuesday as it does this year.

A weekday Valentine's means I have an excuse to inject spice into an uneventful winter evening with colour coordinated liquid.

A bottle of rosé wine has the right dark pink hue, but mixing a glass of dry still or sparkling white wine with a touch of fruit liqueur looks and tastes sexier.

France's Chambord Royale ($36.75 - $45.99) is a modern take on a Loire Valley-based liqueur made with black raspberries that dates back to the 17th century. Its big blast of berry is softened when a teaspoon is mixed with red or white wine.

If simple mixology doesn't sound attractive, the Chilean sparkler Fresita ($12.90 - $15.99) combines bubbles with an infusion of strawberries. It's a perfect match for romance. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

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Sweet creation

Want to make chocolate this Valentine's Day? Alan Kehl, a hobbyist chocolate-maker from Waterloo, Ont., says these tools are essential for any serious chocolate-maker:

1. A thermometer.
2. Scales (for weighing ingredients).
3. A slab of marble (it's best to work with chocolate on a cool surface).
4. A set of dipping forks (for dipping pieces of ganache into chocolate).

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Think outside the chocolate box

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
FOR METRO

Forget the crammed restaurant with inflated prices. Try something different this Valentine's Day.

"It's a great day to practise what being in a relationship is all about," says Dale Curd, a Toronto-based psychotherapist. Here are some fresh ideas to sample this Feb. 14.

A "learn together" date. "Such as a dance lesson. What you're trying to do is excite your partner's mind and appeal to their heart," says Curd. "And it's not what just one person wants to do. It's something that has you both leaning beyond your edge, as in 'Ooh, I don't know if I could do that.'" Some things to try? Hitting a roller rink together or taking a cooking class. (Have no romantic partner on the horizon? Couple up with a friend or a few pals for a girls or guys night out.)

Surprise your partner with a gift that anticipates their needs — maybe your girlfriend lives off of frozen meals. "Order a meal service for a week for her," says Christine Hart, a Toronto-based dating coach. "So it's something you think your partner is going without right now."

Try the "high/low" concept. Instead of the fancy restaurant meal, pick up yummy ingredients at a farmers' market or grocery store to recreate a meal together at home, she adds. If you are dateless on Valentine's, try this with friends or mixed singles — everyone brings an ingredient (or course) to make the meal together.

Create a new ritual. Skip the heart-shaped box of chocolates and instead fill a basket with different blends of coffee beans and two new mugs. "Then make a point of getting up earlier each morning — before the kids! — to share some java before starting your day," says Debra Macleod, a relationship counsellor in Red Deer, Alta. "Studies show that couples who enjoy such rituals have longer and happier unions."

In the mood for something spicier? Try body sliding. "This is a style of sensual body massage where lovers drench their bare bodies in oil and slide over, under and around each other, sort of an adult slip-and-slide," says Macleod. "Countless studies show that regular, pleasurable sexual intimacy is strongly associated with marital success."

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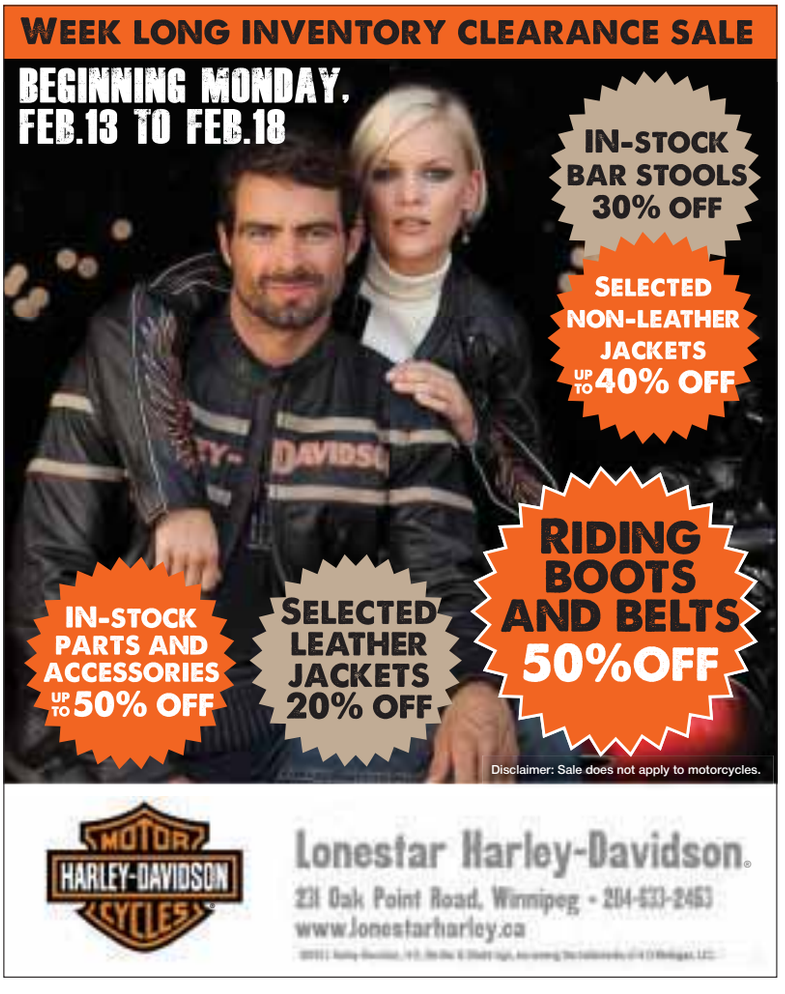
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▶ Bryan Little scores against Tomas Vokoun during Thursday's shootout.

A wild win in Washington

After two scoreless periods, Caps blow two-goal lead in final 2:15, lose to Jets in shootout

The Winnipeg Jets overcame a two-goal deficit in the final 2:15 of regulation and then prevailed in a shootout for a 3-2 victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

Evander Kane and Dustin Byfuglien awoke a pedestrian Jets attack with power-play goals to get Winnipeg into a tie — even if Byfuglien's came on a fluky 82-foot shot — and Blake Wheeler and Bryan Little scored in the shootout.

Alex Ovechkin scored in the shootout for the Capitals, but Winnipeg goalie Ondrej Pavelec stopped shots by Alexander Semin and Mathieu Perreault.

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All of the game's goals came in the final 10½ minutes of the third period, and all were on power plays. Ovechkin broke a scoreless tie with 10:14 to play, and Semin made it 2-0 with 7:30 remaining.

Pavelec made 32 saves for the Jets. Tomas Vokoun stopped 25 for the Capitals.

The late collapse kept the Capitals from sustaining the momentum gained when they moved into first place in the Southeast Division earlier this week, while the Jets' comeback only served to bunch up the standings even more in a season in which the Southeast appears poised to produce only one playoff team.

The Jets pulled within three points of the Southeast co-leaders, Washington and the Florida Panthers, who lost 4-0 to the Capitals on Tuesday.

For the Jets, it was the same old story for 57 minutes: They couldn't score. It wasn't until they had a 5-on-3 power play that Kane was able to knock in a loose puck with 2:15 remaining.

Then, 12 seconds later on a 5-on-4 advantage, defenceman Byfuglien scored on a shot from the neutral zone that was deflected by defenceman Karl Alzner and hopped past Vokoun. It was Byfuglien's first goal since Dec. 9.

It was a rare burst of offence for the Jets, who had scored only eight goals in their seven previous games — and none on the power play.

The score was 1-0 the last time these two teams played, with the only goal coming from Ovechkin with 1:14 left in the game.

Pavelec kept the game scoreless midway through the second with one of his best saves, sliding left to stop Ovechkin's shot between the left arm and leg pad at the end of a 2-on-1 break. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I guess it's longevity. I'm definitely proud and it's a sign that you didn't only make it, but you were able to stay."

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It's official: Leafs, Wings will play outside

Two iconic franchises, two passionate fanbases and the largest stadium in North America. The Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings are set to take the Winter Classic to a whole new level in 2013.

"It's Hockeytown versus the centre of the hockey universe," Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke said Thursday.

The Original Six foes will play outdoors at Michigan Stadium — known as the Big House — on Jan. 1, part of a showcase that includes minor league and junior hockey games at Detroit's Comerica Park.

Toronto will be the first Canadian team to play in the Winter Classic when the Leafs and Wings face off about 75 kilometres west of Detroit in Ann Arbor.

They'll arrive with a fanbase that needed about an hour to crash the ticket pre-sale website after Thursday's announcement. The Leafs' official Twitter feed cited "overwhelming demand" for the problem.

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The Detroit-Toronto rivalry dates to 1927. They play in different conferences now, but the Wings have faced the Leafs in 117 playoff games, second only to 170 Boston-Montreal meetings.

The NHL is expecting to eclipse Michigan Stadium's Guinness World Record hockey crowd of 104,173 for a 2010 NCAA game.

"Even with 115,000 or more tickets available, we still won't have enough to satisfy the demand," said commissioner Gary Bettman.

Buffalo, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have all hosted the event. With the Detroit area hosting next year, Bettman felt the time was right to include a Canadian club.

"We thought that we had built this event to a level where it made sense to do it, and that even from a U.S. network television standpoint, we were comfortable that it would work well," Bettman said.

There have been two outdoor Heritage Classics on Canadian soil: Montreal vs. Edmonton at Commonwealth Stadium in 2003, and Montreal vs. Calgary at McMahon Stadium last year. The game in Edmonton was the NHL's first outdoor regular season game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No Peace. For Pierce

▶ Lakers forward Metta World Peace, left, pressures Celtics forward Paul Pierce in Boston on Thursday night.

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Pau bursts Boston's bubble with block

Pau Gasol blocked Ray Allen's putback attempt at the buzzer in overtime and the Los Angeles Lakers held on to beat the Boston Celtics 88-87 on Thursday night.
Gasol finished with 25 points and 14 rebounds, and Andrew Bynum had 16 points and 17 rebounds to help the Lakers snap a two-game losing streak.
Allen scored 22 points and Kevin Garnett had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Boston, which had won five in a row.

Buono looks for final coaching win

After retiring from sidelines, B.C. GM gets CFL coach of the year nod alongside Bombers' LaPolice and Esks' Reed

He's through patrolling the CFL sidelines but Wally Buono is still getting coaching accolades.

Buono was named a finalist for the CFL's coach of the year award Thursday in voting by the Football Reporters of Canada. Also nominated were Kavis Reed of the Edmonton Eskimos and Paul LaPolice of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The winner will be announced March 2 in Toronto.

"When I think about it, I'm happy that I'm being looked at with the next wave of good head coaches," Buono said. "When you look at Paul LaPolice and my arch enemy Kavis Reed in Edmonton, these are the good, young coaches that are coming up and it's a credit to be nominated with them."

The 62-year-old Buono, a native of Potenza, Italy, who grew up in Montreal, is the overwhelming favourite after leading B.C. to an improbable 34-23 Grey Cup win over Winnipeg. The championship was Buono's record-tying fifth as a head coach and came despite the Lions' 0-5 start to the season.

LaPolice said Buono deserves to be considered the front-runner.

"When you win the thing we're all shooting for you would think that guy is the favourite," he said. "Certainly I'm happy for all three of us.

"It really doesn't matter. Just being nominated feels pretty good."

Winnipeg underwent a resounding transformation under sophomore head coach LaPolice. After a disappointing 2010 campaign, the 41-year-old native of Lynchburg, Va., guided the Bombers to a East Division-best 10-8 record .

Reed, a 38-year-old from Georgetown, S.C., and former Eskimos defensive back, arrived in Alberta in Dec. 10 with no head coach experience after spending '09 as the defensive co-ordinator with Winnipeg.

He led Edmonton to a 5-0 start to 2011 before dropping three straight. Still, the Eskimos finished tied with B.C. and Calgary for the CFL's best record at 11-7 before being relegated to second in the West standings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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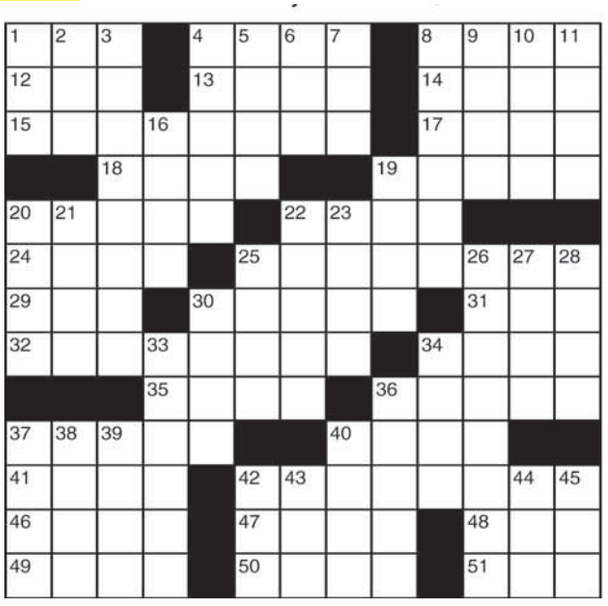

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Sudoku

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2	8				9	7		
	7		2			8		
	9			6	7		3	
5								8
	3		4	1			7	
		8			5		2	
		5	1				6	9
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	1	7	3	5	6	8	4	9
6	3	8	4	9	2	7	5	1
4	5	9	8	1	7	6	3	2
7	2	5	9	6	1	4	8	3
1	6	4	2	8	3	9	7	5
9	8	3	5	7	4	2	1	6
3	7	6	1	4	9	5	2	8
8	4	2	6	3	5	1	9	7
5	9	1	7	2	8	3	6	4

Send a KISS

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mon chere, words may deceive but eyes dont lie. mind was made when we first met. lets not delay destiny any more. **DEVDAS**

The woman who drove me to work Feb 9: You told me you had just driven your grandchildren to work and passed me twice and needed to stop and offer a ride. Just wanted to say thanks again. Nice to know there are still good people out there :) **A GRATEFUL GIRL**

55Cartier412, A year ago today, you chose to walk into my life and you chose to walk out just as quickly. It was just too easy for you, yet one year later, you are all I think of! I decided to follow through on what I said I'd do. You won't get your package. I've decided, if I am wrong, it won't matter...I'll get the return. It's what I need to do so I can accept truth. **633NORTH108**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -29° Max -19°	Min -23° Max -9°	Min -18° Max -7°

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
It's a good thing you like surprises because there will be plenty today and over the weekend.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Someone you think is a friend may in fact be harbouring a grudge, so keep your eyes and ears open.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Today and tomorrow, many strange things will happen to make you wonder if there is more to life than what your five senses tell you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You need to break free of habits that hold you back from realizing your potential. Time for change.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Try something you have never done before. The last thing you need is to get stuck in a rut.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Don't try to hang on to things that are being taken away from you. You're better off without them.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You will meet someone today who inspires you to do more with your life. You will also inspire others.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Unexpected changes will throw you out of your stride for a bit, but a Scorpio is never in limbo for long. You'll regain confidence soon.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 This is a hugely positive time for creative endeavors, so don't sit waiting for life to come to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Someone with whom you are close will do something that shocks you. He or she is entitled to be different.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You will get the red carpet treatment today. But be selective where invitations are concerned. You're popular but can't be everywhere.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Colleagues may need some convincing that what you are planning is a good idea. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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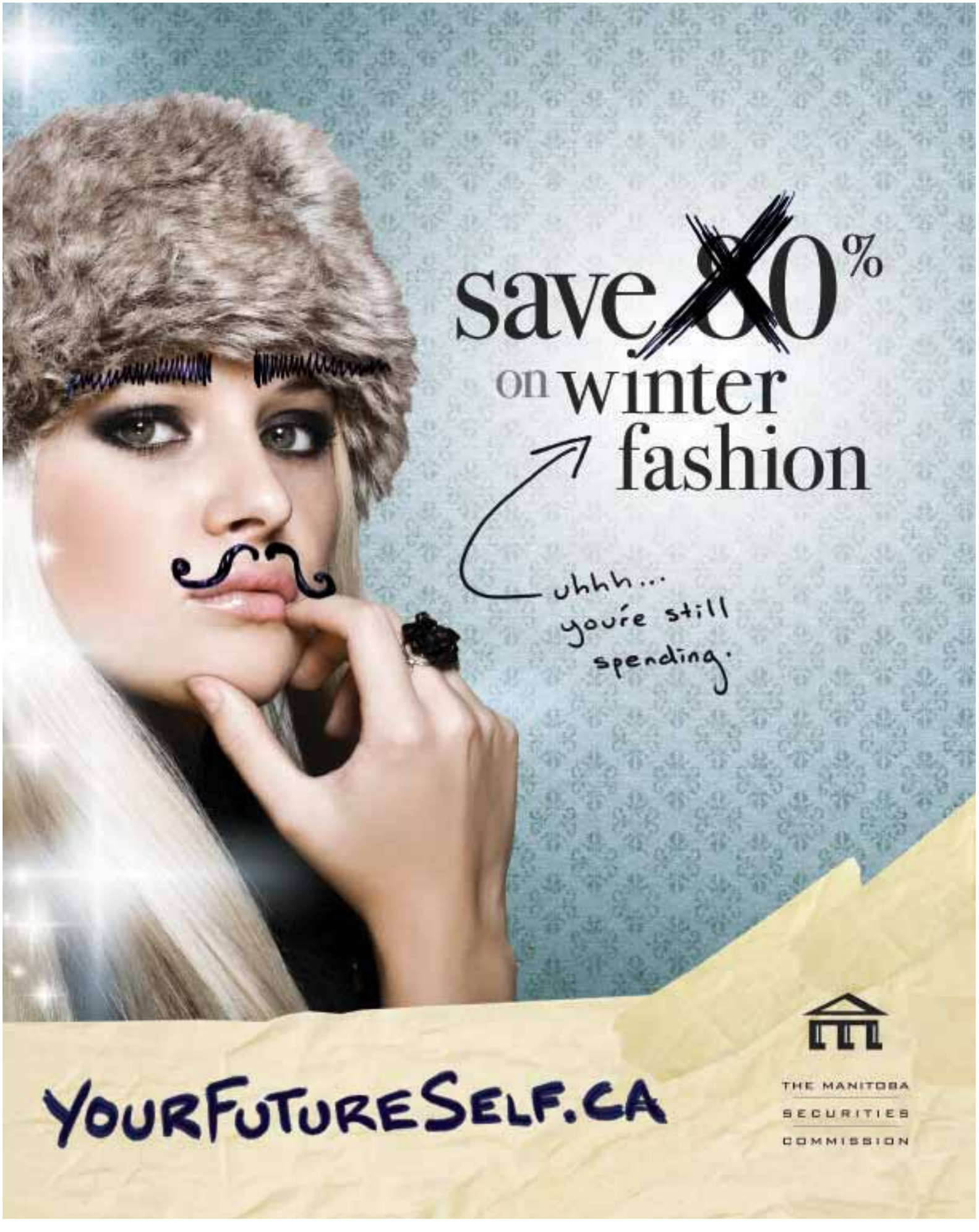
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